

Applicant respectfully submits that previous arguments cannot be withdrawn and that the Restriction Requirement is improper.

In any event, the Restriction requirement alleges that Claims 1-9, and 14-18 are drawn to a plurality of look up tables for selecting a gamma curve and as such are in one group and as such Claims 10-13 allegedly drawn to producing a gamma value is classified in a different group. The Restriction Requirement alleges that these groups are related as subcombinations. Applicant respectfully traverses the characterization of the claimed inventions. For example, Applicant notes, for example, that claim 1 is directed to gamma corrections and Claim 10 in the alleged second group is also directed to a gamma correction circuit. Moreover, both Groups are drawn to selecting gamma correction curves using a look up table. As such, they cannot be considered two subcombinations of a combination. Applicant respectfully submits that a prior art search carried out by the Examiner for Claims 1-9 and 14-18 relating to look up tables used to select gamma correction curves would be required for all claims.

In addition, the Restriction Requirement alleges that the alleged subcombinations are shown to be separately usable since one of the alleged subcombinations stores and selects gamma data. Applicant respectfully submits, however, that both alleged inventions require look up tables and selection of gamma correction curves (see Claims 10 and 1). In addition, Applicant respectfully requests a showing that if the alleged inventions are actually two "subcombinations" under §806.05(d), which claims are the "combination" (See, for example, 806.05(c)). Because there is not a suitable basis for requiring a Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction be withdrawn.

Applicant elects Claims 1-9 and Claims 14-18 for examination in the event it is required.

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